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*J. F. Belton*

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.

~~SURINTEPORT~~ LA., MARCH 7th, 1863.

General Orders, }  
No. 1.

*Alexandria*

I. In conformity with instructions from the War Department at Richmond, Va., dated February 9th, 1863, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Confederate forces West of the Mississippi.

II. Until further orders the Department Head Quarters are established at Alexandria, La.

(Official.)

J. F. BELTON.

A. A. Genl.

E. KIRBY SMITH,

Lieutenant General.

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TRANS-MISS

ALEXANDRIA, LA., March 9th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 2.

I. District Commanders will immediately forward to Dept. Hd. Quarters, copies of returns for the month of February. Hereafter monthly returns will be promptly transmitted on the first day of each month.

II. Consolidated Returns will be made immediately and thereafter monthly for each District of this Department, according to forms Nos. 2, 3, and 5, of the Quartermaster's Dept., No. 26 of the Subsistence Dept., and Nos. 1 and 3, of the Medical Department.

By command of

Lt. Genl. E. KIRBY SMITH.

J. F. BELTON,

A. A. Genl.

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS

ALEXANDRIA, LA., March 10th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 3.

I. The following officers are announced upon the staff of the Lieut. General Commanding, viz:

Personal Staff.

Capt. J. G. Meem, jr.,

Aid-de-Camp.

1st Lieut. E. Cunningham,

Aid-de-Camp.

1st Lieut. E. Walworth,

Vol. Aid-de-Camp.

## Department Staff.

Brig. Genl. W. R. Boggs,	Chief of Staff.
Capt. J. P. Belton,	Asst. Adjt. Genl.
Capt. H. P. Pratt,	Asst. Adjt. Genl.
Col. B. Allston,	Inspector Genl.
Major J. F. Minter,	Chief Quartermaster.
Major W. H. Thomas,	Chief of Subsistence.
Lt. Col. John A. Brown,	Chief of Ordnance and Artillery.
Surgeon S. A. Smith,	Medical Director.

By command of

Lieut. Genl. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
J. F. BELTON,  
A. A. Genl.

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS.  
ALEXANDRIA, LA., March 23d, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 4. }

I. The attention of all persons having charge of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, is directed to Par. I and II Gen. Ord. No. 20, A & I. G. O., dated Richmond, February 19th, 1863. District commanders will take measures to insure prompt compliance with all the requirements thereof.

II. The "Quarterly Returns" thus called for will be rendered immediately, and a copy—unsupported by vouchers—sent to the Chief of Ordnance and Artillery of this Department. Hereafter these returns will be forwarded regularly within twenty days after the expiration of the quarter to which they refer,—and a copy sent to the Chief of Ordnance of this Department.

III. In all cases, Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, including cavalry equipments, captured from the enemy by Partizan Rangers, must be appraised, disposed of, and accounted for as provided by Par. II, General Order No. 20, A. & I. G. O., Richmond, Va.

IV. By "Instructions to Ordnance Officers in the field," and Circular of January 10th, 1863, from the Ordnance Bureau, Colonels of Regiments and Battalion Commanders are held responsible for the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores with their commands. Hereafter these officers will receipt for and render returns of all such stores; Captains of Companies will immediately turn over to their Regimental or Battalion Commanders, all Ordnance Stores for which said commanders are responsible.

V. Brigade Ordnance officers will make "Weekly Reports of Ammunition on hand," to the Division Ordnance officer, who will forward consolidated reports of the same to the Chief of Ordnance of the Department.

VI. District Commanders will cause to be forwarded imme-

Immediately to Department head-quarters, lists of all Ordnance Officers of their command, and where assigned.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
J. F. BELTON,  
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS.  
ALEXANDRIA, LA., April 20th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 5.

I. The following officers are announced upon the Staff of the Commanding General:

Col. Duncan Cago,	Vol. Aid-de-Camp.
1st Lieut. J. Compton French,	Vol. Aid-de-Camp.
Surgeon John M. Haden,	Medical Director.
Surgeon S. A. Smith.	Medical Director of Department Hospitals.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
J. F. BELTON,  
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS  
~~ALEXANDRIA~~, LA., April 24th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 6.

I. Until further orders, the Head-quarters of the Department of Trans-Mississippi are removed to Shreveport, La.

Commanders of Districts will make their returns accordingly.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS.  
SHREVEPORT, LA., April 29th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 7.

I. Major W. H. Thomas, C. S., is announced as Chief Quarter-Master of the Department of Trans-Mississippi until the arrival of Major J. F. Minter at Department Head Quarters.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS.  
SHREVEPORT, LA., April 30th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 8.

I. All officers west of the Mississippi river, whose commands are not in this Department, will report, without delay, either in person or by letter to these Head Quarters.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen.

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS.  
SHREVEPORT, LA., April 30th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 9.

I. The following officers are announced upon the Staff of the commanding General:

Major Geo. Williamson,                      Assistant Inspector General.  
Major T. G. Rhett,                              Chief of Artillery.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen.

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS.  
SHREVEPORT, LA., May 1st, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 10.

I. The attention of officers and soldiers is called to General Order, No. 104, from the War Department, at Richmond. Commanding officers are hereby required to see that this order is strictly enforced.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen.

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HEAD QUARTERS DEPT. TRANS-MISS.  
SHREVEPORT, LA., May 11th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 11.

I. Capt C. S. West, Ass't Adj't Gen., is assigned to duty as Assistant Inspector General upon the Staff of the Lieut. General commanding.

II. Until further orders, rations will be issued in accordance with the table published by the Chief of Subsistence of this Department.

III. All soldiers, belonging to commands East of the Mississippi river, who are now in this Department, absent without authority, or whose leaves of absence or furloughs have expired, will immediately report in person at one of the following depots, viz:

In the District of Arkansas, at Camden, Ark.

In the District of West Louisiana and Texas, at Shreveport, La.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPT TRANS-MISS.

SHREVEPORT, LA., May 18th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 12.

I. Medical officers, who have passed their examination and been assigned to duty, will be paid, upon the certificate of the Medical Director to the facts, and that the services have been rendered.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPT TRANS-MISS.

SHREVEPORT, LA., May 23d, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 13.

I. The following officers are announced upon the Staff of the Lieut. General commanding:

Col. Will. H. Trader,

Vol. Aid-de-Camp.

Major G. M. Bryan,

Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPT TRANS-MISS.

SHREVEPORT, LA., May 30th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 14.

I. Col. S. S. Anderson, Ass't Adj't General, having reported for duty, is announced as Assistant Adjutant General, Department Trans-Mississippi.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,  
H. P. PRATT,  
Ass't Adj't Gen.

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